

TRUTH DEMANDED AS TO PULP WOOD

Consul at Quebec Is Accused of Suppressing Important Data.

New York, December 13.—The paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, has sent a letter to the government tariff board, pointing out that the United States consul at Quebec, in reporting upon available pulp wood supply for American paper mills from private forests in Quebec, "has suppressed data that had been furnished to the consul by the highest official authority in that province and that the consul has misrepresented the situation." The consul's report said that the recent prohibitions "will not have the effect of reducing the quantity of pulp wood for export for some years to come, and perhaps never," implying that all the present needs of the American market, viz: 1,000,000 cords of pulp wood per annum, could be obtained from private forests, but according to the committee, the suppressed data from official sources, showed that only 330,000 cords per annum would, under present restrictions, be available for the American market.

The letter charges that an area of 120,000 square miles of public forests has been withdrawn as a source of supply, and that the private forests now available measure approximately 7,800 square miles, or one-twentieth of the total forest area; further, that half the private forests are in hardwoods, not spruce, that nine-tenths of the private forest areas have been ruthlessly lumbered for their woods; that the Eastern section has been exhausted; that forest fires have reduced the available supply; that part of the area is inaccessible; that Canadian mills are taking 200,000 cords per annum for their uses from the private forests; that 5,000,000 cords have already been cut from those private forests to supply American mills, and that the countervailing and retaliatory duties which the Payne-Aldrich tariff imposed have put a premium of \$1.92 per cord upon the cutting of wood from private lands in Quebec, and that the supply is so inadequate that the Canadian manufacturers paid \$180,000 last year in additional duties to the United States because they were forced to use wood cut from public lands.

On behalf of those who pay \$60,000,000 per annum for news print paper, the committee "protests against one-sided and colored reports."

JUDGE MASON'S WILL FILED

Estate Left to Widow—Farmers Fill Icehouses—Other News.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., December 13.—The will of the late Judge John E. Mason has been filed in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court here. The will is dated February 11, 1910, and the entire estate is left to Judge Mason's widow, Mrs. Kate K. Mason, who is named in the will as administratrix.

It is reported that Judge F. W. Sims, of Louisa, a member of the State Senate from this district, who has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election, will be a candidate for a seat on the Supreme Court of Appeals bench when the Legislature elects.

A number of farmers in the surrounding counties have filled their icehouses with good, clear ice four inches thick. This spell of weather is the coldest in this section for years this early in December.

Mayor H. Lewis Wallace has appointed Hugh S. Bird and George D. Rowe as delegates from this city to the Playground Institute for the States of Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia to be held in Baltimore, January 12, 13 and 14, 1911.

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EXAMINING TITLE FOR RIFLE RANGE

State to Be Guarded Against Liability as Result of Accidents.

APPOINTMENT NOT MADE

Confederate Veteran May Be Selected for Assistant Attorney-General.

Examination of the title to the land sought to be conveyed to the State for a permanent rifle range and camp site near Virginia Beach is being prosecuted, Major S. Heth Tyler, of Norfolk, has been designated by Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams as the attorney to make an abstract of the title and to look into all of the legal points involved.

It is understood that one of the features of the proposition is some property located between the camp site and the ocean. This was formerly a strip of land cut into the water right to shoot over it into the water. It is a part of the deal. However, there is a street through this strip along the beach, over which the public has a right of way, and should any one be injured by flying bullets there might be a liability on the State.

Will Be Adjusted.
It is believed, though, that this feature will be duly adjusted so as to prevent any possibility of harm to any person. A natural sand dune exists on the end of the camp site nearest the water, and it is proposed by the State Military Board to build this to a much higher point, so that no bullets fired at rifle practice can ever strike anything save "old ocean's gray and melancholy waste."

The State says nothing whatever for this property, its cost having been subscribed by citizens of Norfolk and the vicinity. The Norfolk board proposes to extend its line to the site. Of course, it will be necessary for the State to spend a large amount of money in equipping the property, this coming from an appropriation made by the War Department for the purpose.

NO ASSISTANT NAMED

Attorney-General Prefers Confederate Soldier If He Can Get One.

Attorney-General Williams will as yet vouchsafe no indication of the identity of the assistant he will appoint to succeed the late W. E. Bibb. All he would say on the matter yesterday was that he would get a good man, and that he prefers a Confederate veteran.

The names of several persons have been suggested for the appointment, but it seems that their names came from some source other than Judge Williams. He is somewhat amused at some of the guesses which have been made.

Two or three men who are members of the present Legislature have been mentioned. However, it is evident that their appointment would be unconstitutional. Section 45 of the Constitution, referring to the General Assembly, says: "And no member, during the term for which he shall have been elected, shall be appointed or elected to any civil office of profit in the State except offices filled by election by the people."

THE SHORT BALLOT

List of Publications on Subject in State Library.

In view of the growing interest in a commission form of government for cities, or, as it is now more broadly known, "the short ballot" principle, State Librarian H. R. McIlwaine has prepared a reference list of publications in the library on this subject.

The "short ballot" principle is: First, that only those offices should be elective which are of important enough to attract (and deserve) public examination; second, that very few offices should be filled by election at one time, so as to permit adequate and unconfused public examination of the candidates.

Obedience to these fundamental principles explains the comparative success of democratic government in the cities of Great Britain and other foreign democracies, as well as in Galveston, Des Moines, and other American cities that are governed by "commissions."

"Ballot's Burden," by C. A. Beard, Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 24, pp. 559-614, December, 1909. Reprinted by Short Ballot Organization, 383 Fourth Avenue, New York.

"Boston Adopts the Short Ballot," Outlook, Vol. 93, pp. 608-10, November, 1909.

R. S. Childs, "Politics Without Politicians," 15 pp., paper. Reprinted from Saturday Evening Post January 22, 1910.

R. S. Childs, "A Real Democracy," 6 pp., paper.

R. S. Childs, "The Short Ballot Idea: A New Plan of Reform, 1909," Reprinted from Outlook, July 17, 1909. J.K. 1853, C5.

R. S. Childs, "The Story of the Short Ballot Cities," 30 pp., paper.

"Desirability of the Short Ballot," Outlook, Vol. 93, pp. 896-7, December 25, 1909.

Ineffective Voter and the Short Ballot," Outlook, Vol. 93, p. 296, December 25, 1909.

Present Status of Ballot Laws in the United States," American Political Science Review, Vol. 3, pp. 252-262, May, 1909.

"Short Ballot," Independent, Vol. 67, pp. 1289-90, December 16, 1909.

"Short Ballot," Outlook, Vol. 92, pp. 635-9, July 17, 1909. Vol. 92, pp. 750-1, 829-31, 971-2, July 31, August 7, 28, 1909.

"Short Ballot Cure for Misgovernment," Survey, Vol. 24, pp. 719-7, December 18, 1909.

Will Hold Tax Hearings.

The Governor, as chairman of the State Tax Commission, has authorized Expert T. S. Freeman to visit all the cities of the State during the new year for the purpose of having public hearings on any subject relating to taxation. Any citizen who has anything at all to say on tax matters will be invited to take part.

Will Rebuild Plant.

Thornhill Wagon Company Decides to Rebuild Plant.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 13.—The stockholders of the Thornhill Wagon Works, the plant of which was destroyed by fire Friday night, yesterday morning in a called meeting at the temporary offices of the company in the Lynchburg National Bank building, decided to rebuild the plant as speedily as practical, and, in addition

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FRUITS IN BRANDY.—Gordon & Dillworth.—Apricots, Pineapple, Peaches, yellow, free-stone; Cherries, Figs.

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SEEK TO PREVENT SALE OF PROPERTY

Creditors Ask Receiver for Craggy Mountain Lumber Co.—Railroad Sold.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Greensboro, N. C., December 13.—In the bankruptcy court this afternoon Judge Boyd gave hearing to a number of prominent Asheville attorneys connected with the disposition of the property of the Craggy Mountain Lumber Company. Unsecured creditors are seeking to prevent the sale of the property, averring that it operated by a receiver under the direction of the court might pay out, but if sold it would not more than pay the secured debts. Lien creditors oppose this proposition. The sale was advertised for December 11. Judge Boyd issued an order postponing this sale, setting January 4 as the date for a further hearing and argument before taking final action. The property involved represents an investment of nearly half a million dollars.

In chambers, Judge Boyd confirmed the sale of the Mt. Airy and Eastern Railroad and Lumber Company, a twenty-one-mile railroad running from Mt. Airy into Grayson county, Va., the purchase price being \$200,000. A lumber company being the purchaser, J. C. Buxton, representing unsecured creditors, opposed confirmation, saying the road cost nearly \$200,000, and the iron on it would bring more than the purchase price. W. F. Carter, for the receiver, showed that the road had been advertised twice before, and had no bidders; that it was being operated at great loss, and unless the sale was confirmed running expenses and costs of receivership, etc., would practically wipe out all assets. Affidavits to this effect were presented, and from secured creditors holding receivers' certificates were presented, and an order confirming the sale was made.

In the Superior Court this afternoon Will Smith, colored, submitted to burglary in the second degree, and was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary. Solicitor Gattis pressed for severe punishment, owing to an epidemic of housebreaking and burglary in Greensboro and High Point. Smith said he was raised in Madison, Rockingham county. His offense was a plain case of first degree burglary, the penalty being death.

John Jackson, colored, of Pilot Mountain, aged fifteen years, was sent to the workhouse for twelve months for breaking into two stores Sunday night, and stealing \$50 worth of goods and cash.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Meeting of Washington Literary Society of State University.
Charlottesville, Va., December 12.—Washington Literary Society of the University of Virginia has elected the following officers for the second term: Lewis Tyree, of Salem, president; W. P. Foster, of Franklin, La., vice-president; W. L. James, of Ocean View, Del., secretary; Edmund Read Mabry, of Oak Grove, Ky., reporter.

Announcement was made that the Southern oratorical contest will be held at the University of Virginia early in the spring; also the debate between the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia. The state oratorical contest will be held at Randolph-Macon College, at Ashland.

TAFT PLAN MEETS WITH OPPOSITION

Pressure Brought to Bear to Prevent Appointment of Negro Lawyer.

Washington, December 13.—President Taft's inclination to appoint William B. Lewis, a negro lawyer of Boston, an assistant Attorney-General is meeting considerable opposition. Book-er T. Washington called upon Attorney-General Wickham today to urge it and Speaker Cannon called to oppose it.

Speaker Cannon's opposition, however, is not one of color or race, but of economy. It is now known that the late President Taft had in mind for Lewis was that of Assistant Attorney-General in charge of the Indian deputation cases. John C. Thompson, of Danville, Ill., Speaker Cannon's home town, holds that place and intends to resign as soon as his work is done. Mr. Thompson has reported that he can clear up all the Indian deputation cases in a few months, and Speaker Cannon takes the position that there will no longer be need for an Assistant Attorney-General in that office. There is no vacancy of important rank on Mr. Wickham's staff.

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Boxes, assorted	.25 to \$1.00	Pocket Flasks	\$1.25 to \$8.50
Desk Portfolios	\$1.50 to \$7.50	Bridge Sets	\$2.50 to \$7.50
Jewelry Cases	.75 to \$17.50	Brass Book Racks	\$1.75 to \$10.00
Desk Pads	.75 to \$5.00	Gents' Wallets	.50 to \$10.00
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